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16 December 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 16 December 1959

PRESENT: Mr. Allen, Mr. Douglas, Mr. Dulles, Mr. Gray,  
Mr. Harr, Mr. Henderson, Mr. McCone, Mr. Riddleberger,  
Mr. Scribner, Mr. Smith

1. Patriarch of Constantinople

Mr. Allen told the Board that there had been some pressure from a number of sources in the U. S. for the President to meet with the Patriarch of Constantinople during his visit to Turkey. He outlined the political and protocol objections which had been raised to this meeting and cited the President's decision not to have it take place.

2. Reply to Senator Jackson

The DCI read the Board part of a letter coordinated by USIB which represents a reply to Senator Henry Jackson's request for information as to the validity of reports that the Soviets have resumed secret nuclear testing. He pointed out that Senator Jackson had directed other inquiries to Defense and AEC, these having to do largely with developments in the U. S..

Mr. Dulles stated that one of the sensitive aspects of his reply was that it was necessary to comment on how Russian techniques are presumed to have improved and that one of the bases for making this judgment is the improvement in our own techniques. He said that he would check with Defense and AEC to make sure that none of the replies conflicted with each other.

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3. Instructions to Geneva Conferees

Mr. McCone referred to a telegram from the State Department to the disarmament conference representatives in Geneva, in which the Department had suggested that steps be taken to wind up the conference by the 18th of December. He said that he thought it was unwise to establish an artificial time limit of this kind so long as there was a prospect of useful results from the conference. Mr. Henderson acknowledged that the message should have been coordinated with the AEC and made it clear that the State Department was anxious to receive views of this kind.

4. Meeting of Disarmament Committee

Mr. Gray reported on the meeting of the disarmament committee with the Vice President on 11 December. He stated that one of the principal problems raised was what kind of an announcement the U. S. should make with regard to plans for resumption or non-resumption of nuclear tests after 1 January 1960. He said that there was some feeling that it would be unwise to set a time limit after which tests would resume, so long as some progress was being made in negotiations with the Soviets. He noted that State, Defense and AEC would prepare appropriate recommendations for the President.

5. President's Return to Washington

The Board then discussed the fact that the President is scheduled to arrive at Andrews Air Force Base at 1100 on the evening of 22 December. It was pointed out that it would be unrealistic to expect that very many people would be on hand to greet Mr. Eisenhower but that on the other hand it would be unfortunate if the homecoming were played up abroad as being relatively cool in contrast to the reception abroad. No particular conclusions were reached and it was noted that in any case arrangements were in the hands of White House officials and the D. C. authorities.

6. Release of Greenglass Material

Mr. Allen, who had not been present at last week's discussion of the impounded Greenglass material, introduced at the Rosenberg trial, suggested a clarification of the decision taken by the Board at that time. He pointed out that the AEC's communication to Judge Kaufman should not be so worded as to imply that the Executive Branch of the Government

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was urging him to release the Greenglass material into the public domain, but rather that it was taking the position that there was no security objection to the Judge's doing this, should he decide to.

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ALLEN W. DULLES  
Director

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N. B. Paragraphs 5, 6, and 7 amended by Mr. Dulles. Original memorandum attached.

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## MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles

Attached are rewritten minutes of the OCB Luncheon Meeting of 16 December. You will recall you raised the question of "derogatory" information concerning Mr. Michelson, the Danish newspaperman. This word has been eliminated from the last paragraph. In addition, I talked to Tom Parrott about the Greenglass material and we have revised paragraph 6 slightly to point out that the material under discussion was in fact the Greenglass data used in the Rosenberg trial. I believe this is now OK for your signature.



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